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FIGHTING THE MORO

Captain Pershing Writes Home a Graphic Story

OF THE LAKE LANAO BATTLE

Bloody Hand-to-Hand Fight on Parapet of a Fort—Enemy Suffered Great Loss of Life—Gives Credit to Generals Davis and Sumner.

Washington, June 22.—Captain John J. Pershing, who was in command of the troops at the fight at Lake Lanao, in the Philippines, has written a letter to a personal friend in the war department describing the battle. It has been shown to Secretary Root who authorized its publication. Captain Pershing says in part:

"In reality it was the best fight of the Moro campaigns, not so many Moros killed, but fought according to some sort of a system.

"First, we got behind them, much to their surprise, and could post our guns above and drop projectiles down into their fort. The fight began in a flood of a rainstorm. They had such confidence in this fort that they took many women and children inside, and these escaped during the night. The next day and night we held them fast, however, and tried to get them to surrender; had two talks under flag of truce; no, they would fight it out. So there was then only to finish it. The main obstacle was a deep ditch, thirty-five or forty feet deep, to be crossed. It was to be bridged with fallen trees. Everything in readiness, the assault began. In the face of a heavy Remington fire from the fort the lines advanced against two faces of the fort, putting out of business every Moro that appeared. The bridge was completed by two companies detailed for that purpose, the trees having been previously cut and hauled as near as



CAPTAIN PERSHING. Successful leader of American soldiers against the Moros.

could easily be seen. They jumped and swung across the ditch, then on the bridge and climbed up nearly in line to the top of the parapet.

"Here they met us with Karapitan and Kris and a bloody hand-to-hand fight occurred—one soldier against two Moros here, another running his bayonet into a fanatic there, Moros plunging headlong into the deep ditch in their impetuosity and impetus. It was as a whole a scene never to forget.

Too much cannot be said of the valor, the bravery, the courage and cool nerve of the American soldier. The majority of those left inside never reached the top of the parapet. It was a relief to me that none of our men were killed. Two will lose an arm each, the rest will recover with honorable scars, but not maimed. It was the proudest day of my life. Some of the fiercest fighting line counted sixty dead on one floor, and Moros say there were more than a hundred killed inside, while the list outside has been growing ever since the battle, so that 150 all told is a conservative estimate.

A Severe Lesson.

"I have labored with these Bacolor Moros for a year, through other Moros, some of them near relatives, trying to convince them of their foolishness in thinking of fighting us. The lesson, of course, has been a severe one for them. The rest of them that are left have sent word that they want to be friends, and I think the Moros all see that our purpose is to be humane as far as they will permit us. To my mind, this practically settles the Lake Lanao troubles. We of course must explore the eastern portion of the lake for a distance that remains yet unexplored of about ten miles. I anticipate little trouble there, but there may be one or two hard-headed old daddies who will put up their red flags. The matter may now be said to be settled.

"Without the support and backing of General Davis and General Sumner I could not have done this. To them, of course, as commanders, belongs the credit. I hope it will not fall of appreciation and that they will be rewarded accordingly."

Tragedy in Church.

Lancaster, Ky., June 22.—In Hormons Lick church Sunday afternoon James Rogers killed Bud Ledford. They were brothers-in-law. Rogers claimed that he shot in self-defense.

DROWNED WHILE DRUNK.

Disgraceful Debauch in Albion Ends Fatally.

Albion, Mich., June 22.—F. Rowe of West Point, N. Y., employed with the electric road gang and boarding at Parma, was drowned in the mill race in this city early last evening. He was sitting on the race bank with two companions, and all three were more or less intoxicated.

Two small boys were the only witnesses of the affair, and they say the unfortunate man crawled nearly out of the water once, but was apparently so drunk that he could not recover himself.

One of his companions ran away and the other was too drunk to move. The latter was locked up, as it is thought there is a possibility the drowned man was pushed into the water as the result of a drunken row.

This disgraceful debauch and its sad ending took place within a short distance from two churches.

A careful investigation will be made. Rowe's parents in New York were notified.

Gould's Cousin Kills Himself. Robbed and Then Murdered.

Detroit, Mich., June 22.—A man thought to be E. J. Redican, from papers found in his pocket, was picked up early Sunday morning by the police on Gratiot avenue, between Brush and Beaubien streets, in a dying condition. He had been struck over the head with some blunt instrument, and the theory is that he was held up and robbed and when he protested was struck with a club or billy. The district where he was found is one of the toughest in the city.

STRUCK HIM DOWN

Munich Hotelkeeper Kills Would-Be Assailant

WITH AN IRON STAKE

Man Had Gone Mad From Excessive Drinking—Guests Fled From Hotel In Dead of Night—Forced to Commit Murder.

Jackson, Mich., June 22.—William McCrow, bartender for August Braun, proprietor of a hotel at Munith, fourteen miles northeast of Jackson, was struck on the head with an iron stake by Braun, who was defending his wife and baby, at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. McCrow never regained consciousness. People who know most about the case excuse Braun, as McCrow had said he was about to shoot them all.

August Braun, a 30-year-old German, is a popular village hotelkeeper. William McCrow, also about 30 years of age, was well thought of, his fault being protracted apoplexy. On one of his occasional benders Braun hired another man.

Last Thursday McCrow returned to Munith, being on the verge of delirium tremens. McCrow upbraided Braun somewhat for hiring a man in his place, but Braun explained the matter to him. McCrow retired Saturday evening in his old room in the hotel. Near his room were rooms occupied by men who were digging a well for Braun. It was a matter of general knowledge about the hotel that McCrow had firearms in his room, and the safety of his having them there in his condition was discussed.

Fled For Safety.

In the middle of the night the well-diggers were aroused by noise of breaking furniture, shattered glass and a general rough house. They went to the room of Braun and his wife and told them what was happening, after which they left the hotel for places they considered safer.

Braun lost no time in getting his wife and baby out of the hotel by the rear entrance. On his way he picked up an iron stake used by the well-diggers. The family went to Constable George Freymuth's home, where Braun rapped on the window to arouse Freymuth.

Before he had accomplished this Mrs. Braun, who was carrying the baby, cried out in fright, "Here he is now."

Turning, Braun saw McCrow and quickly stepped in between his wife and baby and McCrow. McCrow had both hands copped behind him.

"What are you doing here?" Braun said to him.

"I am going to shoot you both," it is claimed McCrow replied.

Quick as a flash Braun swung the iron stake. It struck McCrow on the head with full force, and he dropped. McCrow was taken back to the hotel, but he did not regain consciousness, and died not long after.

Braun has offered to give himself up to the sheriff, but is still with his family. An inquest will be held Wednesday.

BUSINESS WAS BRISK.

Many Corporations Filed Articles During the Past Week.

Lansing, Mich., June 22.—The following corporations filed articles of

association with the secretary of state during the past week: A. P. Southworth Construction Co., Adrian, \$10,000; Onaway Limestone Co., Onaway, \$100,000; Garden City Fan Co., Niles and Chicago, \$30,000; Gehlert Coffees Co., Detroit, \$50,000; Peterbaugh Weaver Co., Benton Harbor, \$10,000; Ford Motor Co., Detroit, \$150,000; Ramsey & Alton Manufacturing Co., Portland, \$43,800; Escanaba Hardware Co., Escanaba, \$50,000; Northern Construction Co., Milwaukee and Munising, \$10,000; Riverside Foundry Co., Kalamazoo, \$10,000; National Printing and Engraving Co., Niles and Chicago, \$300,000; Loeb All-Wool Clothing Co., Jackson, \$10,000; Karmen Drug Co., Bangor, \$5,000; Minnesota-Michigan Co., Port Huron, \$10,000; Duncan Run Coal Mining Co., Detroit, \$60,000; Michigan Smelting Co., Houghton, \$500,000; Fraternal Building association, Saranac, \$1,200; Chicago, Michigan & Indiana Electric railway, Benton Harbor, \$3,000,000; Citizens' Telephone Co., Schoolcraft, \$5,000; United States Guarantee Co., Detroit, \$250,000; International Construction Co., Detroit, \$100,000; Isabella County State bank, Mt. Pleasant, \$20,000.

MENTALLY WRONG.

Ann Arbor Student Acted Queerly In Washington.

Washington, June 22.—John H. Henselman, Jr., a student at Ann Arbor university, who apparently is suffering from overstudy, is detained here by the police pending the arrival of his father from Covington, Ind.

The young man arrived in the city Sunday and attracted attention at his hotel by distributing tips of five-dollar bills to the waiters. It is understood he wrote a letter addressed to President Roosevelt, threatening that unless the latter's influence were used to further certain alleged invitations and land deals of magnitude two or more men would die.

Put Fire Out With Milk.

Mendon, Mich., June 22.—Fred Crumbacker, a farmer living two miles west of this place, owes his life to the presence of mind of his wife, who threw a can of milk over him, putting out the fire which was burning his clothing. Crumbacker was carrying a lighted lamp, when it exploded, completely covering him with the blazing fluid. Mrs. Crumbacker seized the milk can and threw its contents over her husband, extinguishing the blaze.

Killed by a Street Car.

Detroit, Mich., June 22.—About 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon Joseph Basman, aged 32, of 641 Ripelle street, was struck by a Sherman street car and the truck upon which he was riding was thrown upon him. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, where he died an hour after the accident.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

One Man Killed.—An extra train on the North Shore railroad jumped the track one mile south of Point Reyes, Cal. One coach turned over. Michael Kirk of San Francisco was killed.

London Jews Protest.—A demonstration of thousands of East End Hebrews was held in Hyde park, London, Sunday afternoon to protest against the Kischineff massacre. Speeches violently denouncing the Russian government were delivered in Yiddish.

More Uprisings in China.—The steamer Athenian, which reached Victoria, B. C., Sunday from the Orient, brought news that the insurrection in Yunnan is causing grave alarm. A Pekin dispatch of June 4 says the Yunnan insurgents now number more than 50,000. They are well trained.

Chinese Worshipers Perished.—Advices from Shanghai, China, tell of the burning of a temple at Ping Tu, involving the loss of 150 lives. A large throng gathered to worship and burned paper and incense by the wholesale, cutting off the escape of the people.

BURNED AT STAKE.

Mob In Delaware Town Executes a Negro Murderer.

Wilmington, Del., June 23.—A mob, led by a Virginian, burned a negro named White at the stake last night within a few miles of Mason and Dixon's line. The victim was just out of the workhouse and was accused of having feloniously assaulted and stabbed to death Miss Helen S. Bishop, the 17-year-old daughter of Rev. Dr. E. A. Bishop. The crime was committed last Monday at Price's Corner, and ever since then there have been mutterings of lynching the man.

A mob estimated at 4,000, men and boys, gathered in the neighborhood of Price's Corner, four miles from here. The real leaders were few in numbers but they did their work well. It was after 10 o'clock when the march to the workhouse, a mile away, was taken up. The chief warden and his guards prepared to defend the man at all costs.

A battery of railroad ties soon carried away the great doors of the workhouse. In the fusillade that followed four persons fell, all members of the mob. The warden did not wish to slaughter the mob in the prison yard, so he ordered the fire hose be turned on the crowd. This also held the mob for a time, but not for long.

The guards were brushed aside, and with the aid of a man who knew White he was quickly found. His cell door was battered open and the cowering and accused man, begging for mercy, was dragged from the cell and the prison. With torches they led the way, and with 4,000 persons following the negro, he was led to the road and to almost the very spot where the assault took place. White was given a last chance to speak, and he confessed to the murder of the girl. A stake had been arranged by an advance guard. White was chained to the post and the dry underbrush, soaked with oil, was ignited, and the horrible execution was on. Shots were fired into his body and the victim of the mob was soon dead.

The failure of the county court to give White a speedy trial is in a great measure responsible for the tragedy.

ANOTHER SWINDLE?

A Postal Device From California Is Under Investigation.

Washington, June 23.—The Post today says that among the matters which Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow is investigating is the purchase from a California company of some 17,000 letter devices for indicating the hours of collection of mail. The invention is that of the postmaster at San Francisco, it is said.

It is also said that 7,000 of these devices originally were ordered at a cost of \$4 or more each, or a profit of 100 per cent on cost, and the allegation is made that a further order for 10,000 was placed, notwithstanding the original 7,000 devices were not used, but were reposing in a storehouse.

The company controlling the device was largely made up of California postal employees, and the Post says that it is informed that ex-Representative Louie of California, formerly chairman of the house postoffice committee, took an active part in their behalf and wrote several letters urging the device in the department, and in one of them said it would be an accommodation to him if the matter was attended to.

After the company had difficulty in securing its money for the device, Mr. Louie, the Post says, appeared at the department in its behalf, but specifically disclaimed any interest in the company other than that it was composed of his constituents.

More Flood Victims Found.

Kansas City, June 23.—The bodies of Albert Mathews and Theodore Barbour, who were drowned in the great flood at Lawrence, were found there Monday. A pontoon bridge across the Kansas river here for wagons and pedestrians will probably become completed today. A Metropolitan street car bridge is expected to be finished on Wednesday. The Milwaukee railroad bridge across the Missouri river will be used by their trains Thursday for the first time since the flood.

Natural Gas Exploded.

Columbus, O., June 23.—Five persons were badly but not fatally hurt last evening by an explosion of natural gas at the mouth of a shaft leading to a sewer tunnel at Park and Hickory streets. The explosion wrecked an engine building at the mouth of the shaft.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Thirty Persons Drowned.—A cloud-burst occurred Sunday at the village of Zenon, near Knafevas, Serbia, and fifty-four houses were demolished. Thirty persons were drowned.

Elected President.—General A. Wosy Gil, who recently became provisional president through the overthrow of General Horatio Vasquez, has been elected president of the Dominican republic.

Internal Revenues.—The collections of internal revenue for the month of May, 1903, were \$18,415,035, a decrease as compared with May, 1902, of \$4,730,090. The largest decreases were in tobacco and fermented liquors.

Wins the Medal.—Charles F. McKim, the New York architect, Monday night was given the king's gold medal awarded by the Royal Society for Architecture in London. The medal was bestowed upon Mr. McKim on account of the excellence of his designs of many public buildings in the United States.

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